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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: **David S. Sumida et al.**) Examiner: Sung H. Pak
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Serial No.: **09/894,347**) Art Unit: 2874
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For: "GUIDED MODE LASER APPARATUS) Date: July 20, 2004
WITH IMPROVED CLADDING)
STRUCTURE AND A METHOD OF) Re: **Response**
FABRICATING THEREOF")

RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

In reply to the final Office Action mailed on March 3, 2004, a response to which is due no later than September 3, 2004, Applicants submit this paper together with a petition for a two month extension of time pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a) and a check in the amount of \$420.00 for the fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a)(2). Please consider the following remarks. **All remarks herein are made without prejudice.**

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 2 of this paper.